

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Governor Riley announces emergency relief fund for Hurricane Katrina victims

Governor Bob Riley today announced that he has created the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund to help meet the needs of Alabama citizens who are not covered by insurance or Federal Emergency Management Agency claims resulting from a disaster or emergency.

"Public assistance and insurance go a long way in helping victims recover after a disaster, however people often have needs that are not met by these resources," Governor Riley said. "This fund will help give citizens the extra help they need to get their lives back to normal and cover unmet costs."

Grants from the fund will be awarded by a committee comprised of members from the United Way of Alabama, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, Alabama

Department of Human Resources, county long term recovery experts and a representative from the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Modeled after similar funds created by the states of North Carolina and Florida, the fund will be managed by the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the United Way

### Lowering of Point A Lake Delayed

Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) has announced that plans to lower Point A Lake to allow for dam maintenance have been delayed. The Point A Lake dam maintenance, originally scheduled to begin Sept. 6, will be rescheduled at a later date.

"Production and refining of natural gas, one of the primary fuels used to produce electricity, has been hampered by damage caused by Hurricane Katrina," says Cathryn Gibson, manager, AEC corporate communication. "Delay of this project will allow AEC to maintain an additional generation resource for our member owners."

## Elba's chamber banquet set for Sept. 22

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual chamber banquet during the evening of Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Elba Recreation Center, located on Claxton Avenue. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The theme of this year's banquet will be "Tradition with Vision" - the new city motto. Buck Gaines will prepare a meal of grilled pork chops with all the trimmings.

An awards ceremony will be held to honor some of those who have been willing to serve throughout the year. Entertainment will be provided by the Elba High School FFA Quartet and the LBWCC Ensemble. Door prizes will be given at the end of the program.

Tickets are on sale now at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street, or from any chamber board member. The cost is \$17.50, and all

tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, Sept. 16. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet.

Dress for the event is casual.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE & BUSINESS EXPO

Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday October 1, 2005 9AM-1PM on the Courthouse Square in Elba.

Business Expo and Health Fair Saturday, October 1, 2005 9AM-1PM on the Courthouse Square in Elba. Both events are sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home.

For more information contact Eva Medek (334)897-3125 or Mary Gray (334)897-2257.

## Elba Chamber of Commerce presents... Business of the Month for August Cash Brothers Leasing / Mobile Attic



As an active member of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and a business presence in Elba for more than 15 years, Cash Brothers Leasing and Mobile Attic is one of the premier fully integrated manufacturing facilities with deep roots in the region.

Cash Brothers Leasing (CBL) is a corporation founded and managed by two brothers, Pete and Russ Cash. CBL has been in the container rental business since 1989, and has experience in leasing and renting thousands of containers to businesses throughout the United States.

CBL is the manufacturing arm of Mobile Attic which began operations in Elba in the fall of 2001 as a joint venture between the principle owners of CBL and The National Security Group. Mobile Attic offers storage solutions for residential and commercial customers and each Mobile Attic is individually constructed on the same principles as over-the-road trailers making them strong and attractive. They are perfect for residential and commercial customers for remodeling, moving,

storage, extra inventory, restoration, and dozens of other applications.

CBL/Mobile Attic employs approximately thirty-five employees devoted to the day-to-day operations including manufacturing and production, customer relations and accounting, and franchise development.

Bridgeville Trailers, sister company to CBL and Mobile Attic, employees approximately 120 employees that are also devoted to various stages of the production of Mobile Attic portable storage containers and Mobile Attic complementary products.

Mobile Attic's mission is: "To be the Nation's leading provider in portable self-storage to residential and commercial businesses; providing attractive, affordable and dependable storage with consistent quality and value." Currently, Mobile Attic has approximately 5,000 containers in operation and operates franchises in Birmingham, Mobile, Dothan, Enterprise, Montgomery, Troy, Auburn, Attmore, and Huntsville, Alabama; Pensacola, Ft. Walton Beach/Destin, Jay, Panama City,

Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Ocala, Gainesville, Tampa Bay, and Tampa, Florida; Gulfport/Biloxi, Mississippi; Nashville and McMinnville, Tennessee; Lexington, Louisville and Madisonville, Kentucky; Greenville/Anderson and Columbia, South Carolina; Austin, Texas; and Atlanta and Columbus, Georgia.

We humbly recognize that we would not be where we are today without the support of the Elba community and the people of our town. We continue to grow across the country, but are grateful that our roots are here.

For more information on Mobile Attic, portable self-storage, view us at [www.mobileattic.com](http://www.mobileattic.com)

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### Update in sex-related cases

## Fugitive captured, another arrested for rape

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Local authorities captured a fugitive from justice early Sunday morning, Sept. 11, when she was found at her home in Andalusia, Ala.

Olivia Adelle Hughes, age 20, of Andalusia, Ala., became a fugitive from justice after she

fled the area in late July just as authorities were preparing to serve a warrant for her arrest in regards to sex-related crimes involving children in the local area. Several other individuals were on varying charges.

A joint investigation by local law enforcement agencies revealed that Hughes allegedly was involved in the manufacture of a video featuring children and adults engaging in sexual activities. Officials said a female, believed to be Hughes, can be heard in parts of the video giving explicit instructions.

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Gary McAulley and local law enforcement officers revealed the issuance of warrants for arrest of several individuals on Friday, July 22, and Hughes apparently fled the area before the warrant for her arrest could be served.

Chief Grimes said Francine Fowler Jones, age 44, of Hwy. 87 South in Coffee County, was arrested Monday night, Sept. 5, and charged with rape, second

## Coffee County Commission approves depository change

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regularly bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners made a change Monday, Sept. 12, in regards to the county's depository for the upcoming year.

Proposals were presented for the annual depository award, and two banks competed for the job. A third bank responded to the county's request, but did not supply adequate information for consideration.

## Long-term housing assistance for evacuees

Due to the size of the Hurricane Katrina Disaster, Governor Riley has made an agreement with FEMA that Alabama will assist FEMA in sending Community Relation of Representatives to all the known shelters located in the State of Alabama to answer questions, assess their situation and help identify their long-term housing needs and to help place them in interim housing. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) will head the

mission. The first priority is for evacuees located in shelters, which they currently have none in Coffee County. Therefore, the primary focus is on those evacuees located in motels, etc., who will need long-term shelter/interim housing.

AEMA has developed a displaced persons form that needs to be completing by any affected evacuee(s). This form can be obtained from the Coffee County EMA Office and at the

EMA Office.

For additional information or questions, call the Red Cross Office at (334) 347-2461 or the EMA Office at (334) 894-5415 or 894-5375.

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On Monday of this week, Dale Grimes, acting chief of police for the Town of New Brockton, said Hughes was arrested early Sunday morning, Sept. 11, by Deputy Greg Jackson of the Covington County Sheriff's Department along with members of the Andalusia Police Department.

She is charged with production of obscene materials, specifically the manufacture, production of a video involving children engaged in acts of a sexual nature.

Grimes said he was notified of the arrest at approximately 6 p.m. Sunday evening, and at that point, New Brockton Police investigator John Greene transported Hughes from the Covington County Jail to the Coffee County Jail.

In another case discovered from the ongoing investigations announced by McAulley and law enforcement officers in July, another adult female was arrested last week and charged with rape.

Chief Grimes said Francine Fowler Jones, age 44, of Hwy. 87 South in Coffee County, was arrested Monday night, Sept. 5, and charged with rape, second

degree. He said her victim was a 15-year-old male.

Grimes said the incident actually occurred in Dale County. He said the investigation leading to Jones' arrest was lead by investigator John Greene of the New Brockton Police Department and investigator Harold Cox of the Dale County Sheriff's Department.

Grimes said Jones, who reportedly once worked at a day-care facility and has been a school bus driver and Sunday School teacher, was arrested by Deputy Chris Grantham of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He was assisted by the New Brockton Police Department and Dale County Sheriff's Department.

Grimes said Jones was transported to the Dale County Jail following her arrest where her bond was set at \$20,000.

Chief Grimes said officials continue to investigate these sex-related crimes, and anyone with information involving these or other cases should call the New Brockton Police Department or Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

Attorney General Troy King and Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks are actively moving forward with their promise to investigate the sudden jump in gas prices following Hurricane Katrina. The investigation goes in checking invoices, gas on hand, etc. at the time of the increases. This needed doing and we salute them both for stepping forward and for making it a joint effort. We were a bit amused after the two first announced this action. Gasoline prices at many stations in this area suddenly dropped by about a dime, while they dropped much more in other areas where the prices had shot much higher at selected stations.

On the reality side, those of us addicted to our automobiles would rather pay the higher prices than to be stranded without our favorite (or only) mode of transportation. It is probably that burning desire for gasoline which has fed the suppliers with a willingness to continue jacking up the prices at the well head refinery and ultimately at the pump.

The Elba High football team continues to fall on hard times. However it is even more insulting when the Alabama High School Athletic Association's list of youngsters who excelled the previous Friday night includes the stats of two players who apparently controlled the Tigers almost singlehandedly. According to the report, "Brennan Olive of Houston Academy recorded 17 tackles and returned an interception 74 yards while teammate Stanley Jones intercepted two passes and rushed for three touchdowns in a 34-20 triumph over Elba." Elba fans would have been thrilled with such results had it been reversed. Hopefully we will remember this dejected feeling later on when "The worm has been turned" and Elba is again the winner and racking up impressive stats.

Hopefully our regular readers are keeping up with Editor Linda Hodge's serial story, "Gridiron Pride." Chapter Four is in this issue of *The Elba Clipper*. Don't bother to ask how the story ends because we are reading the chapters week-to-week, just as our loyal subscribers are doing. By not knowing, there is no temptation to tell our very best friends what is on the last page.

The head man was drummed out of office at FEMA this week, due to pressure caused by a combination of mistakes following Hurricane Katrina. He probably needed to go, but FEMA problems didn't just start with Mr. Brown. Elba folks can remember the feds were a bit slow, and giving mixed signals, when getting to us in both 1990 and 1998. On the ground folks were great in Elba, but it was far from perfect overall. It took this major disaster to bring the shortcomings into the national spotlight. We have personally seen even worse confusion and/or inaction since this agency was combined with the new Homeland Security. Part of that may be the massive reassignments and retirements of people well experienced in disaster recoveries. Worse, the world might have seen a bunch of folks in charge at FEMA who would rather sit on their hands and do nothing to avoid making a mistake that would put them in the spotlight and then disrupt their personal gravy train.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department reported the following incidents: six for theft of property, two for burglary, one lost check, three for criminal mischief, one criminal possession of a forged instrument, one forgery, one cat bite, two for harassing communications, one gas hose incident and one rape. The following arrests were made: one for burglary and one for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for no proof of insurance, two for suspended driver's license, three for not wearing a seat belt, one for driving without an obtaining a driver's license, one for an expired driver's license, two for running a stop sign, two for no insurance, two for speeding, one for running a red light, one for reckless driving, one for no tag and one for canceled driver's license. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 841 County Rd. 105 (6:55 a.m.); River stage - 6.99 feet (7:01 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 791 West St. (11:32 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2801 Old Cuthbert Rd. (3:08 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 801 Putnam St. (8:19 p.m.). TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - Robbery reported on Reynolds Ave. (1:35 a.m.); River stage - 6.99 feet (7:01 a.m.); Haywood Drugs (3:24 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1848 County Rd. 119 (3:30 p.m.); Wreck reported in front of 1794 Highland Dr. (4:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 569 County Rd. 200 (7:39 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 823 Roosevelt (7:48 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1855 Hickman Ave., Lot C4 (9:53 p.m.). WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - Burglary of the drink machine reported at Haywood Drugs (7:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of County roads 420 and 422 (7:30 a.m.); River stage - 5.40 feet (8:00 a.m.). THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - River stage - 5.01 feet (7:00 a.m.). FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 84W below Bridgeville Trailers (7:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84W (7:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2713 County Rd. 109 (8:20 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1225 Farris Ave. (9:05 p.m.); Prowler reported at 630 Smith Ave., Apt. A (11:41 p.m.). SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - River stage - 4.22 feet (7:20 a.m.); Fight in progress reported at 841 County Rd. 105 (1:36 p.m.); patched to a grass fire on Hwy. 84 E (4:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2220 County Rd. 235 (5:20 p.m.). SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 11927 Hwy. 189 S (3:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Farris Ave. (3:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Farris Ave. (4:22 p.m.).

Editorial by:  
Representative Terry Spicer  
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When facing a great crisis for his own nation, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said: "We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself, the means of inspiration and survival." This idea, drawing strength from adversity, is needed right now to overcome the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina.

Looking at today's difficult pictures on television screens, it brings back memories of one year ago, when Hurricane Ivan tore through Alabama. Ivan ravaged our state's coastal communities and left a path of destruction across Alabama. While Ivan didn't do nearly the damage that Katrina did, the same resolve that helped resurrect Alabama's gulf coast shows what is needed in those areas affected by Katrina.

The human toll caused by Katrina is unparalleled by any natural disaster in our nation's history.

## RATES

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## Looking back on Ivan, hope and inspiration for Katrina

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones in the wake of this tragedy. It must be an unimaginable horror for the thousands of Americans who are missing children, parents, and friends. We cannot recover lives lost, but with perseverance, time, and prayer, some semblance of healing can happen.

What Ivan showed us is that we can recover infrastructure and property. Our experience in Alabama proves that a storm destroys, we can rebuild. Our state is a shining example of how citizens from across our state and around the nation can come together to mend the damages done by mother nature.

On September 16, 2004 Hurricane Ivan pounded the state's gulf coast causing billions of dollars in damages and leaving thousands homeless. Yet through the diligence of

many, Alabama's beaches persevered and were open for business this summer. While our beaches didn't generate as much money as usual, it is an extraordinary accomplishment that the beaches were able to recover as much as they did. This is a testament to the dedication and work ethic of the citizens of our state, and shows the way for places like Bayou La Batre, Biloxi, and New Orleans.

Alabama's known to be hard workers and we continue to show that the merit is warranted. Many from across the state helped to provide assistance, materials, and labor for reopening efforts along the coast. Currently, 80% of hotels, 90% of restaurants, and nearly 100% of all recreational activities in Baldwin County have reopened. But the work is far from over. Many farmers lost crops, including irreplaceable timberlands, and have yet to

recover fully. Yet the state has been working diligently to make sure people get the help they need.

Katrina undid some of the progress made on repairing the beaches and building along our coast. The storm also did tremendous damage to areas in Alabama not affected by Ivan. We will make it right again.

We know that more hurricanes are coming. They can take away property, and sometimes people's lives, but the one thing storms can't take away is the spirit of people willing to rebuild, and to help those in need. Churchill talked about survival after suffering. Alabama has proven we can thrive in the wake of disaster.

## NOTICE

Covenant Community Church of Elba has established a website to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. The site: [www.katrinakits.com](http://www.katrinakits.com) provides information on helping the church and its partners provide personal hygiene kits to the victims. Kits for infants, women and men are being created. Information regarding donations can also be found at this website.

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## CCC (Continued from Page One)

Commissioner Bernest Brooks indicated Monday morning it will not have a significant impact on the budget.

In other business, commissioners: \* Awarded a bid for a metal building for the county shop to Trinity Metal Buildings of Stocomb at \$19,451.

\* Approved a preliminary plat for Oak Hills Subdivision, located on County Road 151.

\* Approved a request of the Elba Chamber of Commerce to use the county courthouse grounds for an upcoming health fair and the Christmas Festival.

\* Approved a motion authorizing the building project committee looking at additional office space for the farm service agency to pursue professional services (architect and fund sources).

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

## TOWN (Continued from Page One)

all the town knows officially is that the money has been approved for the project, and, hopefully, once Polyengineering completes the plans, work will begin.

Mayor Cole also said the housing rehabilitation project in New Brockton is almost complete. He said anyone not completely satisfied with the work should contact town clerk Annette Williams.

Christmas committee chairperson Barbara Herron updated council members Monday evening on plans for this year's Christmas parade. She said the parade will be Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m., and the deadline to enter the parade is Nov. 21st.

Council members were informed that the renewal of the AMIC Insurance for the town will have a premium increase. Mayor Cole said the premium increase will be five percent this

## Obituaries

## LELA PEARL TYSON

Mrs. Lela Pearl Tyson, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 10, at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ with Elder W.K. Ellison officiating. Services were directed by Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Survivors include her husband: Clinton Tyson; four children: Charlie C. (Ethel B.) Tyson, Martha Sue Tyson, Rosa Lee (John) McKenzie and Martha (Leroy) Waters; one sister: Percille James; 28 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

## JOHN HENRY DAY

Mr. John Henry Day, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 9, 2005 at his farm in Elba.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, 2005 at Piney Grove Methodist Church with Rev. Phil Craddock and Rev. Clay Kelley officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Methodist Church, Elba, Ala., directing.

Mr. Day was preceded in death by a son, Julian Day; a sister, Francis Turrone; and a brother-in-law, George Turrone.

Survivors include his wife: Dixie Bowdoin Day; Samson; one daughter: Diana (husband, Dennis) Finch; Samson; three sons: John Daniel (wife,

Christine) Day, Hamp (wife, Geanne) Day, Mark Day, all of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 9, 2005 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala. Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Stanley Carter officiating.

Burial followed in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Frances Jacobs, Elba; two

daughters: Rhonda J. (husband, Daniel) Stephens, Elba, June J. Grantham, Panama City Beach, Fla.; one son: John Richard "Richie" Jacobs, Seattle, Wash.; four sisters: Dot Jones and Dora Colquett, both of Opp, Ala.; Dollie Moore, Dothan, Ala.; Annie "Boots" Kribs, Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

## PATRICIA ANN BROOKS

Ms. Patricia Ann Brooks, born May 19, 1937 in the Elba community of Coffee County, died recently.

She resided in the community most of her life after graduating from Elba High School in 1955. She attended Troy State, Abilene, Texas Christian until 1959. She then joined the United States Air Force and served honorable in the Nurses Corp, and received her honorable discharge in 1961 as Airman second class. Patricia moved to southern California in 1967 and continued to work in

the medical field. Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 12, 2005 in Hayes Funeral Home Chapel at Elba, with burial following in Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her brothers: Leon Brooks, Virginia Beach, Va.; Hilton Brooks, Homestead, Fla.; Gerald Brooks, Opelika, Ala.; Tommy Brooks, Elba; her sister: Edna Marie Brooks Asher, Lynn Haven, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

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JUST ANOTHER DRUNK?

He was just another drunk whose body couldn't take any more abuse. When he died at forty-seven, William Porter was penniless. The doctors said the cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver and no one disputed that he was an alcoholic.

His career had been numerous. Born to a physician and his wife in Greensboro, North Carolina on a job as a bank teller.

During his first three years at the bank, William did well. Then, in 1894, thousands of dollars were discovered missing. His fellow employees accused William of being the embezzler, and he was arrested.

If the judge had known a little more about the bank teller's background, perhaps he wouldn't have granted bail, but he didn't. If the judge had known that the accused prisoner was a writer who started a magazine called "The Rolling Stone," he might have been concerned that, once released, he would just roll on out of town. However, the judge didn't know any of this, so William paid his bail and left town.

Hopping on an old freighter, the fugitive arrived in Honduras, where he divided his time between the island of Roatan and the city of Trujillo. Two years later, he learned that Athol, the wife he had abandoned in Texas, was dying.

For the first time in his life, William Porter took the tough road, he returned to Texas. Athol only lived a short time. After she died, leaving her husband to

care for their eight-year-old daughter, William stood trial for embezzlement in 1898. He was found guilty, and this time, left town for the federal penitentiary in Columbus, Ohio.

Porter fancied himself as a writer, so he began writing short stories while in prison. To hide his real identity, he used the name "O. Henry" when submitting them to magazines. To his surprise, not only did the magazines like his stories, readers loved them.

Paroled in 1901, Porter immediately changed his name to "O. Henry" and moved to New York City. Shortly after arriving, he began working for the New York World newspaper, where he produced a short story each week.

In 1904, his first collection was published under the title "Cabbages and Kings." Americans fell in love with his stories and before long, only Mark Twain was more popular. By the time he died in 1910, O. Henry left a legacy of more than 600 stories. Read some of them, and find out more about O. Henry. Take The Web Journey.

NEXT WEEK:  
"He Went Where No Man Had Ever Dared Travel."

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ALABAMA FAST FACT

On September 14, 1899, the first running of the Talladega 500 was held at the newly built Alabama International Motor Speedway. The race was held in spite of the fact that the professional Drivers' Association, led by Richard Petty, boycotted the race because of unsafe conditions. Nevertheless, the race was run and Richard Petty earned the checkered flag. In 1989, the race's name was changed to the Talladega Superspeedway.

Find out more at <http://tinyurl.com/dlded>

The Gift of the Magi

This story was first published in the New York World and then appeared in his 1906 collection, The Four Million. The Magi are the wise men who visited the baby Jesus, bringing gifts to honor his birth. In the story, a poverty-stricken young wife struggles to buy her husband a Christmas gift, even though she has only been able to save \$1.87.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/8edgi>

Ohio Reading Road Trip

This resource, developed by Greater Dayton Public Television, includes biographies of authors having some connection to Ohio. William Porter (O. Henry) is included on the basis of the three years he spent at the penitentiary in Columbus. This brief biographical entry also tells the circumstances behind the writing of "The Gift of the Magi."

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/8eovs>

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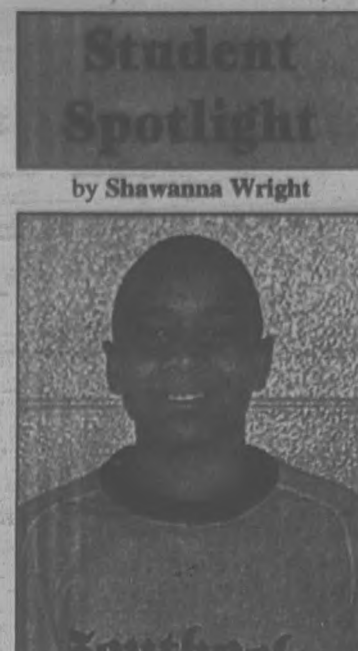
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# SCHOOLS



This week's student spotlight focuses on one of our newcomers to the high school.

**Kendrick Robertson** is the 12-year-old son of Latisha Edwards. He is involved in many activities such as playing city league football, singing in the church choir, and he currently serves as president for his church youth group.

In Kendrick's spare time he likes hanging with his friends and going to the skating rink.

Kendrick describes himself as athletic, friendly, easy going and laid back. His future plans are to play college football at The University of Miami.

Congratulations, Kendrick, for being this week's student spotlight.

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## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Melanie Mularz & Shawanna Wright

### Elba Elementary School Menu

September 19 - 23, 2005

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Steak Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Field Peas, Pineapple Pudding, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Pancakes/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Applesauce, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Chicken Fajita, Rice, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, 1/2 Apple, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Corn dog, Turnips, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, Orange, Milk
<b>Friday</b> - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - Hoagie, Potato Rounds, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Applesauce Cake, Milk

### EHS students do their part in relief efforts

by Judson Vaughan

As we all know, Hurricane Katrina's wrath was shown and has been felt across the south-east.

Due to the ever-growing need for water, food and daily utensils, the Elba High School Career Tech department is coming together as one for this tremendous cause.

This natural disaster gives us a chance to help our fellow Americans in helping them to restore their communities, their homes, and pick up the pieces of what is left of their lives.

All we are asking of you, a town that knows first hand of

this devastation and the damage it can cause, is your prayers, your thoughts and most importantly your financial help. These victims need our money for reasons far beyond our material needs and petty wants.

There will be jugs distributed around town and labeled for your convenience. From spare change to cold hard cash, any little bit can help.

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## SPORTS

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## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor

The washer and dryer have been getting some late night action recently as Melanie has put in some long days trying to stay caught up with her school clothes, volleyball suits and cheerleader uniforms. With two volleyball matches, one volleyball tournament and one football game last week she hasn't exactly been home a lot, which has meant when she is home she has to keep the washer going to try and stay one step ahead on her busy schedule. At least she can study while the clothes are in the machines, when she isn't taking a nap.

## ELBA TIGERS LET ONE SLIP AWAY IN DOTHAN

The Elba Tigers were underdogs heading into last week's region contest against Houston Academy, but let one slip away against the undefeated Raiders and came home with a 1-2 record after being outscored 34-20. I know Houston Academy is now 3-0 and has a good 2A club. However, Elba gave the Raiders an early score after losing a fumble at its own 19-yardline and later gave away another touchdown on an interception return, while over on offense the Tigers failed to score after reaching a first down and goal at the nine and also failed to score after reaching a first down at the Houston Academy 13-yardline. That swing of four touchdowns that went against the Tigers was the difference in the game, and once again Elba simply made too many mistakes to win. It is hard enough to win, especially on the road, but when you turn the ball over four times it is almost impossible unless your opponent helps out with some mistakes of its own. It doesn't take a football genius to figure out why Elba is 1-2 after three weeks of the season, and it also doesn't take a genius to figure out what must change for the Tigers to start winning. Since this is week #4, the time is now for those changes to start.

I know many Elba fans think the Tigers are just a pass happy bunch that spreads the field on offense and fills the air with footballs. However, after three games I think the biggest difference in this year's offense and last year's offense is the team's inability to run the football. Last season Elba was 0-3 after three games, but had scored 100 points in those three games and had rushed for 599 yards. This season Elba has scored 50 points and has rushed for only 218 yards. I know the Tigers spread the field and do put the ball in the air, but I also know the reason the Tigers have scored half as many points this season is the fact they have run for only one-third the yards. Hey, if you don't believe me you do the math.

Over on defense the Tigers have given up an average of over 40 points a game the past two weeks and at times have done little but hang on as opposing running backs have run over and around them. They would be tacklers. In the loss to Houston Academy last week the Raiders had a high snap on a punt attempt that sailed almost thirty yards downfield, but not one single Elba defender even crossed the line of scrimmage until the punter had chased down the loose ball, turned around and headed back toward the line of scrimmage. The lack of a rush is because the Elba defense doesn't force the issue, it simply waits on its side of the football until an opponent crosses the line and then tries to make a tackle for a short gain. In Elba's three games this season its opponents have snapped the football a total of 170 times and the Tigers have made a total of 12 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Again, you do the math.

I don't have the answers and I'm not pointing fingers. However, I do believe it is past time to put the pads on the sleds, hit the sleds and each other until shoulders hurt and then on Friday night share that pain with the guys on the other side of the line. Football is a physical sport that requires hitting and getting hit, and that is why the players wear helmets and pads. Just a guess, but that could be what is missing!

## THIRD WEEK IS GOOD ONE FOR AREA TEAMS

The third week of the high school football season is now in the history books and it was a good week for area teams as three of the four posted wins. Here's a look back....

\*\*\* NEW BROCKTON (2-1) - The Gamecocks scored late to get past Wicksburg 7-0 in a key region game and for the second straight week didn't allow a point for four quarters of play. The Gamecock defense has grown up and is banging heads on every play, and if the offense can do its job this very well could be the year the Gamecocks make it back to the playoffs.

\*\*\* KINSTON (2-1) - The Bulldogs escaped from Pleasant Home with a wild 28-19 win to get their first region win in two years and all of the sudden appear to be contenders for a berth in the playoffs. The 'Dogs made a few changes in the line-up last week that resulted in the first points of the season for the offense, and now that changes are being made look for even more, and even more big wins.

\*\*\* BRANTLEY (2-1) - The Bulldogs made it look easy in a 39-7 win over Zion Chapel and are once again dominating region opponents. The 'Dogs scored three touchdowns on defense in the win to take command early, and even though the offense isn't lighting up the scoreboard on its own, the combination has been fatal. If Brantley's offense can settle in and gain some consistency the Bulldogs may be a contender once again.

\*\*\* ZION CHAPEL (0-3) - The Rebels wrapped up their killer early-season schedule with a 39-7 loss to Brantley, but never backed down from the high-powered Bulldogs and played hard until the final horn. None of the Rebels or their fans wanted to be 0-3 at this point in the season. However, Zion Chapel should now be ready to share some of the bumps and bruises it has taken and the wins can't be far away.

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## SCOREBOARDS WORK OVERTIME IN WEEK #3

The high school football season has wrapped up its third week of play and in action last weekend the scoreboards across the state worked overtime as the winning teams scored in the 30's in fifty games, in the 40's in forty-one games, in the 50's in fifteen games, in the 60's in six games and in the 70's in one game. There were a total of sixteen shut-outs logged. So, at least some folks still remembered to play a little defense. Here's a quick look back.

\*\*\* Montgomery's Robert E. Lee suffered its worse loss in school history when it was defeated by cross-town rival Carver 54-6. The once-proud Generals have fallen hard over the years and now are considered little more than an easy win for just about any 6A team in the state, outside Montgomery.

\*\*\* Carroll, of Ozark, posted its second straight one-point victory with a 21-20 win over B.T. Washington. Coach Ronnie Cottrell's Eagles are 2-1 after three weeks, but the narrow wins may catch up with the Eagles as the season rolls along. One thing's for sure, Coach Cottrell will have some gray hair before long.

\*\*\* Opp continued its early-season slide with a 26-7 loss to Daleville and after three weeks the Bobcats stand 0-3 with a team that many felt would be a region title contender. With a number of very good opponents still left on the schedule it looks like the Bobcats had better grow some claws very soon.

\*\*\* Enterprise improved to 3-0 with an easy 35-6 win over Northview and while the Wildcats and their fans have a reason to be excited, the fact is the 'Cats wins have come over 5A Carroll, Dothan and Northview, none of which are exactly football powers. I will admit Enterprise has a very good team, but let's hold judgment for a little while on just how good.

\*\*\* Pike County improved to 3-0 with a 61-0 romp past Headland and all of the sudden it looks like the Bulldogs may very well be a team to keep an eye on in the 3A ranks. The Bulldogs don't have many players and have almost no depth, but they aren't the ones doing the complaining after the games, either.

\*\*\* Straughn got into the win column with a 34-14 victory over Abbeville and maybe now the Tigers will get on a roll and prove that they are still a 3A team to watch. The Tigers may not have the talent of teams in the past. However, all the players over in Straughn know how to win, and you know more will come.

\*\*\* Dale County continued its early-season woes in a 42-13 setback to T.R. Miller. The Warriors have a new coach and a new way of life this season and are determined to rebuild the program the right way, but I can't help but wonder just how much their lopsided losses can help anyone involved with the program.

\*\*\* Florala improved to 3-0 with a 34-14 win over previously unscored upon Arion and the Wildcat fans have to be wondering just how good their team really is. With first half struggles in both games the Tide has been forced to turn it up a notch in the second half to post wins, and one night that big rally might not come. The jury is still out on Alabama.

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## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

Alabama blew an early lead and then woke up to get past Southern Miss 30-21 to improve to 2-0 on the season, but after two weeks even the biggest Tide fans have to be wondering just how good their team really is. With first half struggles in both games the Tide has been forced to turn it up a notch in the second half to post wins, and one night that big rally might not come. The jury is still out on Alabama.

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## Both teams need win

## Tigers host Geneva County in region match-up

The Elba Tigers will return to the friendly confines of Tiger Stadium Friday night for a region match-up against the Geneva County Bulldogs and will be hoping that their home field magic is still alive after dropping two consecutive road losses to region opponents and watching as their record slipped to 1-2, 0-2 in region competition.

"We need a win really bad after the last two weeks and I hope that playing back at home will make a difference and give the team a spark that has been missing the last two weeks on the road," said Coach Scott Rials. "It is never good to open the region with two losses, but that is exactly what we have done and we have our backs against the wall only three weeks into the season. We did play well the opening week at home and hopefully being back at home on our own field will make a difference. We need to win very badly and will approach this game as a must win for our program."

While the Tigers two losses came at the hands of teams ranked in the "Top 10" in the Class 2A standings (Cottonwood and Houston Academy), this week against Geneva County they will host a team that has yet to taste victory and will bring an 0-3 record into the Friday night clash. "Geneva County has struggled some this season," said Coach Rials, "but they have played three very good teams and are more than capable of coming in here Friday night and leaving with a win. I am sure Geneva County is looking forward to coming here Friday night and am sure they will expect to win the game."

Geneva County will bring an 0-3 record into Friday night's clash after opening the season with losses to Slocomb 20-0, Houston Academy 58-0 and Cottonwood 39-6, but have one of the state's top young running backs in junior Brian Eley and a double-threat in quarterback Jeremy Williams, making the Bulldogs a team that could be just waiting to explode offensively.

Eley, a 6-0, 180-pound speedster, rushed for over

watch, but maybe Ronald will have a big year and show all his doubters that he can still make it in the NFL.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG

Yo Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and declared that since the weather had changed and fall was on its way he was confident his weekly picks would get better and better. The local guesstest hit on 23 of 27 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 63-16, and made certain I remembered his picks of Highland Home over Luverne and Daleville over Opp. I'll admit he is off to good start, but every week brings with it new challenges and there is a lot of football left ahead. Here are this week's picks....

## ELBA VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Pea River felines will be glad to get back home this week after going hungry for over two weeks on the road, but word is a gang of hungry Bulldogs is headed toward the river from over in Geneva County and that the 'Dogs have plans to chase the kitties away from their own bowl. I know the 'Dogs will be hungry when they arrive and will be growling when they take the field, but the guess here is that the felines will be too quick to catch and will finally get to taste another victory.

## ELBA 32 GENEVA COUNTY 21

## NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The Gamecocks lost a few more feathers last week over in Wicksburg, but did manage to bring home a win and this week should get the chance to heal its wounds and sharpen its claws when the lowly kitties from down in Samson come to town. These kitties aren't even weaned yet, and won't find anything to eat when they cross the county line. So, look for some very hungry kitties to head home late Friday night.

## NEW BROCKTON 41 SAMSON 0

## ZION CHAPEL VS. MCKENZIE

The Rebels will march over to lower Butler County Friday night hunting Tigers and shouldn't have a hard time spotting the felines after they turn on the lights over in McKenzie. While the Rebels are tired and hungry after three weeks of battles, this week they should get the chance to put up their tents and get some much needed rest after putting a notch on their rifles.

## ZION CHAPEL 22 MCKENZIE 12

## KINSTON VS. FLORALA

These puppies from down near the county line have a trip planned for Friday night and will be hunting 'Wildcats when they get near the state line in Covington County. Word is these 'Cats are fast and mean, which could spell trouble for the pups when they go down in the hole and kick it off. The fur could fly in this one.

## FLORALA 35 KINSTON 7

## BRANTLEY VS. ARITON

The pups from across the river have been getting a little fatter in recent weeks and this week will get to eat at home and have invited some purple looking 'Cats to come over and share. These two don't usually get along very well, which means they better say grace long before the meal begins and then everyone else needs to back up and watch out. Just another meal for the pups.

## BRANTLEY 28 ARITON 10

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Pleasant Home 27 Goshen 26  
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## SPORTS

## Tigers fall to 0-2 in region play

## Elba falls behind early and never catches up in 34-20 loss

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers spotted Houston Academy an early 21-0 lead and were never able to catch-up Friday night in a disappointing 34-20 loss to the Raiders, in Dothan.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 1-2, 0-2 in region play, while Houston Academy upped its record to 3-0 with the win, 2-0 in region competition.

Houston Academy received the opening kickoff and needed only three plays to get on the scoreboard. The Raiders covered 69 yards on the ground, with Stanley Jones scoring the touchdown on a 47-yard gallop down the sidelines. Ben Marsella kicked the extra-point and with 10:52 remaining in the first quarter the Raiders owned a 7-0 lead.

Elba failed to move the chains on its initial possession, but Houston Academy was ready to add to its early lead and on its second offensive series marched 61 yards in six running plays to score its second touchdown of the stanza. Domini Rich was the workhorse of the drive as he gained 53 yards on four carries, while Jones again got the touch-down, this time on a 13-yard dash. Marsella booted the extra-point and with 6:41 remaining in the first quarter Houston Academy's lead was up to 14-0.

The Elba offense suffered turnovers on its next two possessions and the second Tiger turnover led to Houston Academy's third touchdown of the quarter. The second turnover was a fumble at the Elba 10-yardline, and from there the Raiders needed five plays to get back into the endzone, with Stanley Jones scoring his third touchdown of the first quarter on a 2-yard run. Marsella booted the extra-point and with 1:13 still left in the opening quarter Houston Academy owned a big 21-0 advantage.

Elba began its ensuing possession at the Houston Academy 41-yardline after a 46-yard kickoff return by Mason Gulley, and this time the Tigers lit up their side of the scoreboard as on a third down and six Brandon Kelley dropped off a screen pass to Gulley and the speedy Elba senior raced down the sidelines for a 35-yard touchdown reception. Stefaun Burks kicked the extra-point and with 1:07 remaining in the second quarter Elba had cut the Raiders' lead to 21-7.

The next three offensive possessions of the game ended in punts, with Elba winding up with the ball at its own 18-yardline with 2:18 remaining in the half. The Tigers came out firing in an attempt to beat the clock

and in just six plays found themselves with a first down at the Houston Academy 9-yardline. Brandon Kelley completed four of five passes for 60 yards during the race downfield, with four different receivers pulling in receptions, led by LaRay Williams, who pulled in a screen pass and rambled 30 yards to set the Tigers up at the Houston Academy 9-yardline. Three running plays left Elba facing a fourth down and goal back at the Houston Academy 10, and on the fourth down play Kelley scrambled out of the pocket to avoid a heavy Raider rush and spotted a Tiger receiver wide-open in the corner of the endzone. Kelley fired a strike for what appeared to be a Tiger touchdown. However, the Elba receiver dropped the pass in the endzone and at the half Elba went in still trailing 21-7.

Elba received the second half kickoff and once again set sails toward the Houston Academy endzone as the Tigers marched to a first down at the Raider 13-yardline. Brandon Kelley connected on three of four passes for 30 yards to help the Tigers move within scoring distance, but Kelley was sacked for a 13-yard loss on second down to back the Tigers up, and on third down Kelley was picked off by Houston Academy's Brennan Olive, who returned the interception 74 yards for a Raider touchdown.

Marsella kicked the extra-point and with 8:02 remaining in the third quarter Houston Academy's lead had grown to 28-7.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline to begin its ensuing possession and this time marched 65 yards in only five plays to reach the endzone. A 59-yard gain on a screen pass from Kelley to Mason Gulley was the key play in the long scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 4-yard dash around the right end by LaRay Williams. Stefaun Burks kicked the extra-point and with 6:12 remaining in the second quarter the Tigers had cut into the Houston Academy lead, but still trailed 28-14.

Houston Academy began its next possession at its own 35-yardline and went on a 12 play drive that covered 65 yards and ate up over five minutes off the clock. A fifteen-yard penalty against Elba turned a third down and nine into a Raider first down early in the possession, while Domini Rich was the standout in the long scoring march as he gained 34 yards on seven carries, pulled in one pass for 11 yards and scored the touchdown on a 7-yard run. A bad snap foiled the extra-point try, but with 5:19 left in the third quarter it made little difference



Elba linebacker Trey Davis (44) heads toward sideline to cut off a Houston Academy running back as teammates rush in to help. Other Tiger defenders include Lewis Johnson (54), Nick Nelson (50) and Ryan McCollough (79). This week the Tigers will host Geneva County in a must win region contest at Tiger Stadium.

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Elba began its next possession at its own 26-yardline and headed back downfield on a 74-yard drive that consisted of 17 plays and ate up over five minutes off the clock. A roughing the kicker penalty on the fourth play of the possession kept the drive alive early, while another key play early in the possession was a 22-yard gain on a screen pass from Kelley to Kikko Logan. Logan scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run after taking down in a late kick return by Brandon Kelley, and after a bad snap resulted in a fumble on the extra-point try the Tigers found themselves trailing 34-20 with 7:32 still left on the clock in the fourth quarter.

Houston Academy began its ensuing possession at its own 12-yardline after a big hit on the kickoff by Elba's Nick Nelson, and the Raiders held the ball for 11 plays and ate up over six minutes off the clock before punting the ball back to the Tigers. A key play in the possession was a 5-yard gain by Stanley Jones on a fake punt on fourth down, and one at the Raider 21-yardline.

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Elba Tiger running back Stefaun Burks (1) finds nowhere to go as he looks for room to run. The Tigers managed only 58 yards rushing in 32 carries last week in their 34-20 loss to Houston Academy.

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## SPORTS



**COACHES WATCH THE ACTION...** Brantley Bulldogs coaches (kneeling) Ashley Kilcrease, (standing, left) Andrew Kilcrease and David Lowery watch the action during last week's 39-7 win over Zion Chapel.

### Brantley stays unbeaten in region Bulldogs bulldoze Zion Chapel 39-7

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and Harry White

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed their second straight region win of the young season Friday night by rolling to a 39-7 victory on the road over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

James Pittman was a one-man wrecking crew for the Bulldogs with three touchdowns as he scored on a 30-yard run, a 30-yard interception return and a 31-yard fumble recovery.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard early when James Pittman capped a four play, 49-

yard drive with a 30 yard touchdown run. Marcus Owens added the extra-point and with 8:18 remaining in the opening quarter Brantley owned a 7-0 lead.

Three plays later Pittman returned to the endzone when he picked off a Rebel pass and rambling 30 yards for his second score of the quarter. Landon Morgan booted the extra-point and with 6:18 left in the quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 14-0.

On their next possession the Bulldogs rode the arm of Edgar Walker as he completed passes of 13 and 25 yards to lead the 'Dogs inside the Zion Chapel

Brantley's Billy Frazier (4) fights for yardage as Zion Chapel defenders Caleb Downing (73) and a teammate close in. This week the Rebels will travel to McKenzie to meet the McKenzie Tigers. Kickoff is 7:00 PM.

The two teams exchanged punts on the game's next four possessions, but the Bulldogs got back on the scoreboard late in the half with 1:50 remaining on the clock when Jeffery Daniels intercepted a Rebel pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but at intermission Brantley went in with a 26-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs' Chris Booker scored a 59-yard run on the second play of the second half on a scamper around the left end to up the Brantley lead to 32-0 with 10:55 remaining in the third quarter, while the Bulldog defense scored its third touchdown of the game only moments later when James Pittman scooped up a Zion Chapel fumble and rambling 31 yards into the endzone. Landon Morgan booted the extra-point for a score and with 6:52 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in complete command with a 39-0 lead.

Zion Chapel averted the shut-out early in the fourth quarter as the Rebels put together a seven play drive that covered 42 yards.

Hunter Wise was the work horse of the drive with 5 carries for 24 yards, while Kelsey Roberts took a pitch-out from Abe Childs and raced 16 yards around the left end for the touchdown. Logan Carnley kicked the extra-point as the Rebels cut the Brantley lead to 39-7 with 6:32 remaining on the scoreboard.

Brantley took the ensuing kickoff and drove deep into Rebel territory, but Zion Chapel's Byron McWaters halted the drive with an interception at the Zion Chapel 23-yardline, and at the final horn the Bulldogs left the field with a 39-7 win.

The Rebels ground game was led by Hunter Wise with 40 yards on 23 carries, while Kelsey Roberts added 28 yards on only two carries. Chris Booker led the Bulldogs with 66 yards on 4 carries.

## STATISTICS

BR	1st Downs	ZC
6	1st Downs	8
17-85	Rushes-Yds.	39-117
104	Passing Yds.	0
189	Total Offense	117
5-10-1	Passes	0-6-2
136	Return Yds.	80
1-15	Penalties-Yds.	1-5
0	Fumbles Lost	1
3-31	Punts-Ave.	5-31

## ELBA TIGER VOLLEYBALL

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 15**  
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**MONDAY, SEPT. 19**  
Elba at New Brockton JV-V 4:00  
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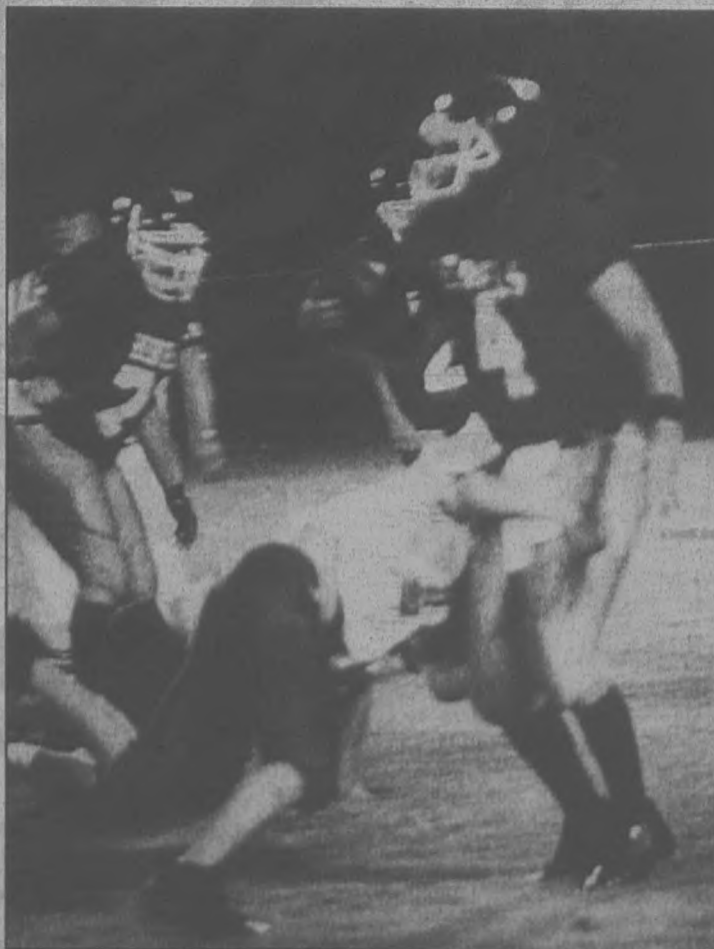
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Zion Chapel quarterback Abe Childs (4) finds nowhere to go after being wrapped up by a Bulldog defender. The Rebels managed only 117 yards in total offense in last week's region loss to the Bulldogs.



Zion Chapel cheerleaders keep the Rebel fans fired up in last week's region clash against Brantley. Friday night the Rebels will travel to McKenzie for a 7:00 PM kick-off against the McKenzie Tigers, in another region encounter.



Zion Chapel quarterback Abe Childs (4) tries to avoid the rush of a Brantley defender in last week's region game against the Bulldogs. The Bulldog defense scored 3 touchdowns to lead Brantley to a 39-7 win over the Rebels in last week's clash.

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## SPORTS

## Up record to 2-1

## Gamecocks spur Panthers 7-0

Statistics and photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks got back in the win column and evened their region record at 1-1 Friday night with a hard fought 7-0 win over the Wicksburg Panthers, in Wicksburg.

The Gamecocks failed to mount any offense on their first possession of the game, but began their second series near midfield and headed toward the Panther endzone, only to be stopped short on a fourth down play at the Wicksburg 3-yard-line.

The defenses ruled the action for the remainder of the half as neither team seemed willing to gamble and at the half the Wicksburg headed back

region rivals went into the dressing rooms with the scoreboard still reading 0-0.

New Brockton's offense continued to struggle in the third quarter, but did come to life late in the stanza and marched from its own 14-yardline to the Wicksburg 28, only to turn the ball over on downs.

The Gamecocks began their next series at their own 21-yardline following a Panther punt and finally gave their fans a reason to stand up and cheer as Derrick Cook turned the corner and raced 71 yards for a touchdown. Heath Danford booted the extra-point and with 3:26 left in the fourth quarter New Brockton was on the scoreboard and in the lead 7-0.

The Gamecock defense was sparked by Derrick Cook with 12 tackles and 1 sack, while Josh Allums had 8 stops and Adam Crosby and Justin Allums both added 7 tackles.

"I was really proud of John Sawyer as he came in in the second half at offensive tackle and did a good job," said New Brockton's Coach Shannon Clark. "I also would like to praise Derrick Cook for a good game. I knew if he got loose on that run he would score the touchdown for us. If everyone had played as hard as Derrick and Justin Allums we would have done great."

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11	1st Downs
39-281	Rushes-Yds.
14	Passing Yds.
295	Total Offense
2-3-0	Passes
6-40	Penalties-Yds.

## Kinston cages Eagles 28-19

By Scott Johnson  
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled across Covington County Friday night to take on the Eagles of Pleasant Home and although they had struggled to put points on the scoreboard in the opening weeks of the season the Bulldogs jumped ahead with three first half touchdowns and then held on to claim a big 28-19 region win.

Pleasant Home attempted an on-sides kick to open the game, but the Eagles touched the ball before it traveled ten yards and Kinston's offense came onto the field with the ball at the Eagle 42-yardline. Garret Parker took the initial handoff around the left end, while Lee McCrummen carried the ball to reach a first down at the Pleasant Home 30. Jonathan Edwards added two yards on a run up the middle and Parker rambling for 13 yards around the right end as the Bulldogs moved the chains again and lined up with a first down at the Pleasant Home 15-yardline. McCrummen and Parker took turns running at the Eagle defense as the Bulldogs moved to the six-yardline, while Parker got the call again on the next play and plowed over from 6 yards out for a Kinston touchdown. Brad Elmore tackled on the extra-point and Kinston was ahead early 7-0.

The ensuing kickoff ricocheted off an Eagle player into the arms of Kinston's Brick Odum at the 26-yardline, and Parker and McCrummen combined on six straight carries to move the ball inside the Pleasant Home one. Garret Parker bulled over on the next play for his second score of the quarter, and Elmore booted the extra-point as Kinston moved ahead 14-0 before Pleasant Home had even had the chance to snap the football.

The two region rivals swapped turnovers on the game's next two possessions, but a fumble recovery by Kinston's Robert Yates at the Eagle 26-yardline failed to produce points as the Bulldogs gave the ball right back inside the Pleasant Home 10-yardline.

A 12-yard loss on a quarterback sack by the Bulldogs Garret Parker put a stop to the ensuing Pleasant Home possession. However, the Bulldogs

suffered yet another turnover on their following possession and set the Eagles up at the Kinston 29-yardline on a bad snap on a punt attempt.

The Eagles took advantage of the turnover and behind the running of Clark Sanders and Avery King quickly moved to the Kinston 6-yardline. Bob Ballard carried the ball into the endzone to cap off the short scoring drive, and Bobby Hackabush booted the extra-point as Pleasant Home cut the Kinston lead to 14-7 early in the second quarter.

Kinston put the ball in play near midfield after an exchange of punts and added to its lead behind the running of Garret Parker and the passing of Aaron Jacobs. Parker had a 15-yard carry to help the Bulldogs get across the midfield stripe, while Jacobs completed passes of 24 yards to Lee McCrummen and 22 yards to Anthony Weeks to lead the Bulldogs deep into Eagle territory. Jacobs capped off the drive with a quarterback sneak for a touchdown from a foot away and Elmore tackled on his third extra-point of the night to extend the Kinston lead to 21-7 just before the half.

Kinston's Coach Larry Conney praised the efforts of the offensive line in the first half and stated, "We came out fired up and jumped on them. The offensive line took control early and the defense held Pleasant Home to only 45 total yards."

Kinston's Jonathan Edwards recovered an Eagle fumble at the Kinston 16-yardline early in the second half to stop a Pleasant Home scoring threat, but the Bulldogs moved the chains only once before turning the ball back over on downs, and the Eagles took advantage of the short field to cut into the Bulldog advantage. The Eagles scored on a 12-yard touchdown run by Avery King, and even though the extra-point try sailed wide, Pleasant Home had pulled within 21-13 late in the third quarter.

Pleasant Home regained possession on a Bulldog fumble on Kinston's ensuing possession and quickly moved back across midfield, then got back in the endzone on a trick play when the Eagle center kept the ball on a snap and galloped 38 yards for a touchdown. The play was flagged by one official that dis-

puted whether or not the snap had been touched by the quarterback. However, after a long discussion between the officials the play was allowed to stand and the Eagles were awarded the touchdown. A two-point conversion failed to reach the endzone, but with 11 minutes left in the game Kinston's lead was now down to 21-19.

Kinston began its ensuing possession at its own 22-yardline, and on the third play from scrimmage appeared to score when Garret Parker broke loose and raced 70 yards into the endzone. A holding penalty against the Bulldogs nullified the long run, but the Eagles were flagged for grasping the facemask only a few plays later and Kinston had a first down at the Bulldog 44. Hard runs by McCrummen and Parker enabled the Bulldogs to cross midfield, while a key play in the possession came on a third down and seven when Brad Elmore pulled in a tipped pass in traffic to give Kinston a new set of downs at the Pleasant Home 31-yardline. A sack backed the Bulldogs up to the 41, and two plays later the Bulldogs were left facing a fourth down and 20. Holding a two-point lead with less than three minutes left on the clock the Bulldogs elected to gamble on the fourth down play, and hit the jackpot as on the key fourth down play Aaron Jacobs dropped off a screen pass to Garret Parker, who cut behind two big blocks and raced 41 yards for a touchdown. Brad Elmore booted the extra-point and the Bulldogs were back in command with a 28-19 lead.

Kinston's Aaron Jacobs and Jonathan Edwards both picked off Eagle passes late in the game as the Bulldogs held on and escaped with the big 28-19 region win.

"We played well under pressure and really stepped up to the challenge," added Coach Conney after the win.

While there were many stars for the Bulldogs in the road win, two that stood out were Garret Parker and Aaron Jacobs. Parker, in his first start at tailback, rushed for two touchdowns and caught a third, while Jacobs made his debut at quarterback and rushed for one touchdown and passed for another.

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Kinston Bulldog running back Garret Parker (10) fights for extra yardage in last week's 28-19 win over Pleasant Home. Parker made the move to tailback last week and scored two touchdowns rushing and one as a receiver to lead the Bulldogs to the big region win.

Kinston Bulldog running back Lee McCrummen (40) barrels over a host of Eagle defenders in last week's 28-19 win over Pleasant Home. Friday night the Bulldogs will travel to Florala for a region match-up against the undefeated Florala Wildcats.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE & BUSINESS EXPO

Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, October 1, 2005 9AM-1PM on the Courthouse Square in Elba.

Business Expo and Health Fair Saturday, October 1, 2005 9AM-1PM on the Courthouse Square in Elba. Both events are sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home.

For more information contact Eva Medlock (334)897-3125 or Mary Gray (334)897-2257.

## Arbor Day Foundation gives flowering trees away during month of September

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person from Alabama who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2005.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The ten trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar, Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Oak, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed

planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2005. Or join online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



AN ELBA STREET DEPARTMENT CREW is shown placing hot asphalt mix in potholes of downtown Elba streets on Tuesday of this week. City Clerk Wayne Grantham announced that the goal is to repair damaged streets in the entire city, or until the limited supply of asphalt is exhausted.

There has been a problem getting any asphalt for repair work since Hurricane Katrina damaged oil refineries across the South and cut short the availability of any products containing petroleum products.

Readings at Troy campuses to benefit area Katrina victims

A play written about a hurricane that hit New Orleans 40 years ago and the lives it affected will help raise funds for those driven from their homes by Hurricane Katrina.

Readings of the play "An Evening with Betsy, Voices from the Storm," will be held at three Troy University campuses. Donations will be collected at the door and the proceeds will benefit area evacuees, according to Dr. Maryjo Cochran, dean of the College of Communication

and Fine Arts. Troy University theater students and faculty will perform the readings.

The schedule for the readings is:

Sunday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m. at the Rosa Parks Museum Theatre on the Montgomery Campus; Monday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. at the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus; and Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. at Sony Hall on the Dothan Campus.

The playwright, Barry

Lemoine, is a Katrina evacuee who has settled in Troy. An Evening with Betsy, Voices from the Storm, was nominated as best original play in 2001 by the Big Easy Award committee. This multi-media production tells first-hand accounts of those that survived Hurricane Betsy, the infamous storm that devastated the New Orleans area 40 years ago.

For 15 years, Lemoine taught English, journalism and theater arts in New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish. He now serves as the writer and producer for PEN-TV, the educational television network for St. Bernard Public School System.

"We are greatly indebted to Barry Lemoine for sharing his talent with us to help those whose lives were changed by Katrina," Dr. Cochran said. "At a time when he could focus only on returning his life to normal, Barry is helping others get their lives back to normal."



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## Elba Council approves cost-of-living raise for city retirees

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council last week approved a cost-of-living increase for all city retirees in accordance with action by the Alabama legislature.

A review of the financial statement shows cash flow is

## Elba School Board hears positive report on Alabama Reading First program

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members formally approved the Children's First Plan for 2005-2006 in a regular meeting on September 13th. They also heard Superintendent Danny Weeks give a positive report on school finances, address energy conservation measures and the result of recent review of the Alabama Reading First program.

The Children's First Plan must be in writing, approved by several groups, including the Juvenile Court of Coffee County before funds are received. The local school's plan is to use this \$14,117 money in part to purchase additional surveillance cameras for critical areas in the schools. This will expand and enhance a system which allows monitoring of entrances to the schools and at other points deemed critical. It also allows review of cameras which have been placed in every regular route school bus.

Weeks reviewed the system's financial report and suggested that the school place some of the required reserve funds into interest bearing certificates of deposit.

Energy conservation is an

**REMINDER**  
Chapter Five of Golden Rule is located on Page 9 of this week's paper.

## Covenant Community Church prepares Katrina Kits for storm victims

Like many people, Covenant Community Church member Laurie Chapman wanted to help the thousands of evacuees affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"I was glued to the TV and I wanted to do something that would make a difference," Chapman said. "But I didn't have a lot of money to give."

Chapman met with Covenant pastor and Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship coordinator Mart Gray and other church members to discuss what to do. They decided to put together personal care packages, or Katrina Kits, containing basic items to help evacuees. Members of Hebron Baptist Church in Wilkinstown, Ala., offered to help. But now they needed to get the word out.

Chapman contacted Justin Klemm to design and implement the Web site. Chris Panetta agreed to purchase the domain name ([www.KatrinaKits.com](http://www.KatrinaKits.com)) and host the site. Both provided their services at no charge. Within a few hours, the site was up and running, complete with a secure method to make donations through PayPal, an online payment service.

More than 50 Katrina Kits have already been assembled. "This is something people can do to help who can't go to those hard hit areas," Gray said. "We're trying to create as many handles on this as we can."

A donation of \$12 to \$14 pays for one of the three different kits available, one for men, women and children. Adult kits include items such as disposable razors, a towel, shampoo, comb or brush and lip balm. The child's kit contains, among other items,

a package of diapers, teething ring, wipes and a diaper bag. Hand sanitizer, insect repellent, ibuprofen and formula can also be added to the kits.

All monetary donations are tax deductible. Individuals or groups can also contribute needed

items for the kits instead of money. The church plans to distribute Katrina Kits to evacuees in Bayou La Batre, Ala., and other affected areas. Sponsors are Covenant Community Church, AlabamaCBF, Online

Construction, Inc. and Mygreatbigfamily.com. More sponsors are encouraged to join.

Covenant is donating all of the September receipts to Hurricane Katrina Relief. They are encouraging other churches in the area to consider a similar response to this disaster.

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COVENANT WITH ONE ANOTHER...The members of Covenant Community Church of Elba enjoyed a special day Sunday, Sept. 11, when the church held a ribbon cutting and open house for its new church building. Construction recently was completed for the new building, located at 2667 Hickman Avenue, Elba. Joining the church members for the ribbon cutting ceremony were several city officials including Elba Mayor James Grimes; Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; and the city queens - Miss Elba Kendall Stinson, Jr. Miss Elba Christina Bryant and Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw. More than 100 church members were present for this celebration. An open house was held in the afternoon welcoming the public to "Discover Covenant."

Construction, Inc. and Mygreatbigfamily.com. More sponsors are encouraged to join.

Covenant is donating all of the September receipts to Hurricane Katrina Relief. They are encouraging other churches in the area to consider a similar response to this disaster.

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FLAME CONTROL...Members of the Elba Fire Department were called upon Friday morning, Sept. 16, to extinguish a structure fire near the residence of 4212 County Road 364. Dispatchers at the Elba Police Department received the call for help at approximately 11:48 a.m. Friday morning. While flames were visible when the fire department arrived, the firemen were able to extinguish the blaze within a matter of minutes preventing it from destroying the structure. Once the fire was out, the firemen thoroughly examined the structure making sure they had successfully completed their task.

According to New Brockton Police

Two arrested in sexual abuse case

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A joint investigation between local law enforcement agencies led to the recent arrest of two individuals in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a juvenile.

New Brockton's acting police chief Dale Grimes said his department has been investigating the incident which occurred around the first of June.

Reportedly, he said two males grabbed a 15-year-old female juvenile on Church Street in New Brockton. He said a hand was placed over the victim's mouth, and she was inappropriately grabbed.

According to the incident report, Grimes said the two suspects were attempting to put the juvenile in a van when another car topped the hill. He said the suspects apparently were spooked by the headlights of the other vehicle and let the girl go. At that point, they fled.

Grimes said Billy Lidon Baldwin, age 40, of Elba, was arrested Sunday, Sept. 11, in connection with this incident. He was arrested by Deputy Austin Redmon of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department along with New Brockton officials and charged with sexual abuse, second degree. His bond was set at \$3,000, and he was

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